

In the Claims

For the convenience of the Examiner, all pending claims of the present Application are shown below in numerical order whether or not an amendment has been made and applying the revised amendment practice of 37 CFR 1.121 – IFW Final Rule.

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24. (Previously Presented) A container, comprising:
a storage vessel with an interior compartment, and an access opening at one end;
a removable end cap releasably and mechanically coupled to the storage vessel
and operable to close the access opening;

a first flange extending from an outer surface of the storage vessel, the first flange
being sized to cooperate with a corresponding second flange extending from an exterior
surface of the end cap;

a generally rectangular first stacking lug being disposed upon the outer surface
and having a generally cylindrical, tubular interior diameter operable to receive the
storage vessel therein; and

wherein the first flange extends from the outer surface of the storage vessel at a
location between the access opening and the stacking lug thereby forming a cylindrical
neck between the access opening and the stacking lug.

25. (Previously Presented) The container of Claim 24, further comprising a
first backing ring having an opening configured to receive the storage vessel
therethrough, the backing ring contacting a side of the first flange opposite the access
opening and being operable to provide support to the first flange.

26. (Previously Presented) The container of Claim 24, further comprising a
first backing ring having an opening configured to receive the end cap therethrough, the
first backing ring contacting a side of the second flange opposite the storage vessel and
being operable to provide support to the first flange.

27. (Previously Presented) The container of Claim 25, further comprising a
second backing ring having an opening configured to receive the end cap therethrough,
the second backing ring contacting a side of the second flange opposite the storage vessel
and being operable to provide support to the first flange.

28. (Previously Presented) The container of Claim 24, wherein the storage
vessel is formed from extruded, high-density polyethylene.

29. (Previously Presented) The container of Claim 24, wherein the stacking lug is formed from rotationally molded, cross-linked, high density polyethylene.

30. (Previously Presented) The container of Claim 24, further comprising a manual pressure relief valve operable to create a path of fluid communication between the interior compartment and ambient environment.

31. (Previously Presented) The container of Claim 24, wherein the first stacking lug comprises:

a housing with an opening disposed therethrough, the housing having a first face and a second face opposite the first face; and
a first protrusion on the first face of the housing.

32. (Previously Presented) The container of Claim 31, further comprising a cavity on the second face adapted to receive a second protrusion of similar size and configuration as the first protrusion, to form a releasable nested fit between the second protrusion and the cavity.

33. (Previously Presented) The container of Claim 31, wherein the first face is adapted to cooperate with a third face of a separate component of similar size and configuration as the container, such that force from the weight of the separate component is transferred from the third face to the first face when the component is stacked upon the container.

34. (Previously Presented) The container of Claim 24, wherein the storage vessel and removable end cap are operable to form a pressure vessel.

35. (Previously Presented) The container of Claim 24, wherein the interior compartment is adapted to receive a round of ammunition therein.

36. (Previously Presented) The container of Claim 24, further comprising a lever clamp assembly being operable to couple the end cap and the storage vessel.

37. (Previously Presented) The container of Claim 24 wherein the stacking lug is permanently affixed to the storage vessel.

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43. (Previously Presented) The container of Claim 24, further comprising a lever clamp assembly coupled with the storage vessel, the lever clamp assembly having a first position in which the first flange is coupled with the second flange, and a second position in which the second flange is released from the first flange.

44. (Previously Presented) The container of Claim 24, further comprising a round of ammunition disposed at least partially within the storage vessel.

45. (Previously Presented) The container of Claim 24, further comprising a humidity indicator in communication with the interior compartment of the storage vessel.

46. (Previously Presented) The container of Claim 24, further comprising a first backing ring extending around the exterior surface of the vessel adjacent the first flange.

47. (Previously Presented) The container of Claim 24, further comprising a first backing ring extending around the exterior surface of the end cap adjacent the second flange.

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48. (Previously Presented) The container of Claim 24, further comprising first and second backing rings extending around the exterior surface of the vessel and the exterior surface of the end cap, respectively, adjacent the first flange and the second flange, respectively.

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